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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. DOMESTIC NEWS HAS CONTINUED PROMINENT;
TUESDAY PAPERS ALSO FRONT-PAGED KISSINGER'S OIL PLAN;
WEDNESDAY PAPERS FRONT-PAGED START OF TURKISH AID CUT.
SOME COMMENT ON DEFENSE BUDGET.

1A. WEDNESDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORTED MOSCOW SUPPORTING
VLADIVOSTOK; ALSO MOSCOW DENIES SEEKING PORTUGUESE PORT;
PLUS TURKEY TO REVIEW NATO TIES. THURSDAY PAPERS REPORT
SCHLESINGER ASKS MORE MONEY; ALSO FORD SAYS TURKISH AID
CUTOFF IMPERILS SECURITY; NYTIMES REPORTS LAG IN DESTRU-
CTION OF NERVE GAS IN COLORADO. WASHPOST REPORTS US
RESUMED CONVERSION OF MISSILES; ALSO SOVIETS TALK UP
BREZHNEV VISIT TO US; ALSO HEBERT CASTIGATES COMMON CAUSE.

2. SALT. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES CLARITY MOSCOW, ALSO IN WASH-
STAR, REPORTED SOVIET UNION INDICATED IT WANTED A NEW
NUCLEAR ARMS ACCORD WITH US TO HELP IMPROVE RELATIONS,
PRAVDA SUGGESTING SUCH NEW AGREEMENT COULD LEAD TO SOLUTION
OF OTHER SOVIET-AMERICAN PROBLEMS INCLUDING TRADE IMPASSE,

CLARITY ADDING A KNOWLEDGEABLE SOVIET OFFICIAL SAID THE
COMMENTARY REPRESENTED THE VIEW OF THE KREMLIN LEADERSHIP.
CLARITY SAYS PRAVDA ARTICLE AVOIDED PREDICTING THE OUT-
COME OF GENEVA TALKS BUT, USING A COMMON SOVIET METHOD OF
INDICATING ITS POSITION, IT EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WAS
STRONG SUPPORT IN US FOR A NEW ARMS AGREEMENT, CITING
STENNIS KENNEDY BROOKE MANSFIELD.

2. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW REPORTED KREMLIN LEADERS
ARE CAMPAIGNING VIGOROUSLY TO CONVINCE SOVIET
CITIZENS OF THE BENEFITS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT, THE
INTENSITY OF THE CAMPAIGN AND ITS INCREASINGLY POLEMIC
TONE SUGGESTING, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE SKEPTICS HERE WHO
DOUBT THE WISDOM OF THE ACCORD. PARKS ADDS THAT SOVIET
COMMENTATORS ARE MAKING THE POINT THAT, UNLIKE THE TRADE
AGREEMENT CASE, THEY EXPECT THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS TO
SUPPORT THE NEW ARMS TREATY, ALSO THIS WEEK-OLD CAMPAIGN
APPEARS TIMED TO THE REOPENING OF GENEVA TALKS. PARKS
REPORTS CRITICISM OF MOSCOW'S AGREEMENT THAT US GO AHEAD
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WITH TRIDENTS AND B-1 BOMBERS AND SOME IN SOVIET MILITARY
FEEL THAT VLADIVOSTOK STRENGTHENS THE AMERICAN STRATEGIC
POSITION COMPARED WITH THAT OF SOVIET UNION. PARKS ADDING
IT IS NOT KNOWN TO WHAT EXTENT SOVIET MILITARY IS CREATING
A MISSILE GAP TO LOBBY FOR MORE ARMS AND TO WHAT EXTENT IT
MAY BE TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE ELABORATION OF VLADIVOSTOK,
OR AT LEAST CHANGE ITS TERMS.

3. MISSILES. THTHURSDAY BALTSUN HAS BRIEF WASHINGTON AP AS TRAILER TO SCHLESINGER STORY, REPORTING THAT PENTAGON ORDERED AIR FORCE TO RESUME INSTALLATION OF THE LAST 50 MIRVS. AP SAYS PENTAGON DID NOT ELABORATE ITS ANNOUNCEMENT, AND PENTAGON SOURCES SAID THE SUSPENSION HAD GROWN OUT OF AN UNRESOLVED ISSUE HAVING TO DO WITH VERIFICATION, WITHOUT ON-SITE INSPECTION, OF VLADIVOSTOK COMPLIANCE. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAS REUTERS WHICH IS SIMILAR BUT ADDS THAT AT LEAST SOME US OFFICIALS APPEARED TO FEEL THAT SOVIET UNION MIGHT INSIST ON ASSUMING THAT ALL 200 MISSILES AT MALMSTROM WERE MIRV-EQUIPPED.

4. SCHLESINGER. THURSDAY NYTIMES FINNEY LOCAL SAID SCHLESINGER OPENED CASE BEFORE CONGRESS YESTERDAY FOR 92.8 BILLION DOLLAR DEFENSE BUDGET IN HIS ANNUAL DEFENSE POSTURE STATEMENT WITH PRINCIPAL ARGUMENT THAT US MUST INCREASE ITS MILITARY SPENDING IF IT IS TO MAINTAIN A GLOBAL BALANCE WITH THE SOVIETS. SCHLESINGER, CITING SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST, SAID US HAS CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN GLOBAL MILITARY EQUILIBRIUM. FINNEY

SAID SCHLESINGER SAW A NEED TO BUILD UP TO THE NUMERICAL LIMITS SET IN THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT BUT NOT IMMEDIATE NEED TO DEPLOY NEW TYPES OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS, AND URGED US TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING NEW STRATEGIC WEAPONS AGAINST POSSIBILITY THAT RUSSIA WOULD ATTEMPT TO USE ITS LARGER STRATEGIC MISSILES TO THREATEN AMERICAN LAND-BASED MISSILES.

4A. THURSDAY BALSUN CORDDRY REPORTED SCHLESINGER MOUNTED CAMPAIGN FOR 104.7 BILLION DOLLAR MILITARY APPROPRIATION WITH CLAIM TO CONGRESS THAT CUTS WOULD LEAVE US UNABLE TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS LEADER OF THE NON-COM-UNCLASSIFIED

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MUNIST WORLD, A ROLE REQUIRING MILITARY POWER "SECOND TO NONE". SCHLESINGER WARNED THAT ONE-SIDED REDUCTION OF US FORCES WOULD NOT FOSTER DETENTE OR ARMS CONTROL AND DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS TESTIMONY TO URGING AGAINST WITHDRAWALS OF US TROOPS FROM EUROPE. IN TUESDAY BALTSUN CORDDRY REPORTED FORD TOLD CONGRESS DEFENSE SPENDING MUST RISE TO AVERT FURTHER FORCE CUTS AND FOR MODERNIZATION IN COMING YEARS. CORDDRY ADDED THAT FORD'S REQUEST FOR 1.3 BILLION IN MILITARY AID FOR SAIGON AND HIS ASSERTION THAT US FORCES IN EUROPE CANNOT BE CUT UNTIL AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL REDUCTIONS WILL BOTH BE SOURCES OF CONTROVERSY IN CONGRESS.

4B. THURSDAY WASHPOST GETLER SIMILAR SAYING SCHLESINGER WARNED THAT US CANNOT ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR WESTERN SECURITY. GETLER REPORTED SCHLESINGER WAS CHALLENGED BY SEN. NUNN WHO CALLED ATTENTION TO NEED TO DEBATE THE BASIC ASSUMPTIONS OUTLINED BY DEFENSE SECRETARY AND ASKED WHAT ECONOMIC IMPACT WOULD BE IF US AND SOVIETS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING MUTUAL TROOP REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE TO WHICH SCHLESINGER ANSWERED THAT SUCH REDUCTIONS WOULD FURTHER DETENTE BUT WOULD PROBABLY INCREASE US DEFENSE COSTS BECAUSE THE TROOPS BROUGHT HOME WOULDN'T BE DEMOBILIZED. SEN. MCINTYRE CHALLENGED NEED FOR MORE THAN 2 BILLION DOLLARS NEXT YEAR FOR THE TRIDENT SUB, AND CHALLENGED HIGH COST OF THE B-1 BOMBER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

5. COMMENT. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAS UPI REPORTING EX-CHAIRMAN HEBERT SAID ON TODAY SHOW HIS DOWNFALL WAS PART OF A VICIOUS AND REPREHENSIBLE CAMPAIGN STARTED FIVE YEARS AGO BY COMMON CAUSE, ALTHOUGH HE WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF THE NEW POWER INVESTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS. HEBERT ADDED THAT COMMON CAUSE USED MISREPRESENTATION, DOWNRIGHT LIES, DOWNRIGHT DISTORTIONS, AND THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAD BETTER

WAKE UP TO WHAT THIS OUTFIT'S DOING BECAUSE THEY CAN DESTROY THIS COUNTRY. UPI QUOTES CHAIRMAN JOHN GARDNER OF COMMON CAUSE IN APPRECIATION OF THE GENEROUS CREDIT HEBERT GAVE TO COMMON CAUSE FOR ITS ROLE IN BRINGING DOWN THE TYRANNICAL SENIORITY SYSTEM.

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5A. JOSEPH KRAFT SAYS SCHLESINGER'S POSTURE STATEMENT, PLUS A LITTLE MATURITY IN CONGRESS, SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE VIETNAM TO HAVE A RATIONAL DEBATE ON DEFENSE, ADDING SCHLESINGER'S EMPHASIS ON CONVENTIONAL FORCES IS ROOTED IN THE BELIEF THAT STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE AMONG THE LEAST USABLE INVENTIONS EVER MADE BY MAN. ACCORDING KRAFT, SCHLESINGER SUPPORTS VLADIVOSTOK AND CALLS FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE EFFORT TO LOWER THE CURRENTLY AGREED CEILINGS; AND TO PUSH THE RUSSIANS IN THAT DIRECTION HE CONTINUES WITH PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY, MOBILITY AND YIELD OF AMERICAN MISSILES. SO IT IS NOW UP TO THE CONGRESS TO DISCIPLINE ITSELF -- TO HANDLE THE DEFENSE BUDGET IN A WAY THAT COMPLEMENTS THE RESPONSIBLE AND HONEST CASE MADE BY PROBABLY THE BEST STRATEGIST WE HAVE EVER HAD IN THE PENTAGON.

5B. SUNDAY NYNEWS EDITORIAL STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE QUALITY OF OUR WEAPONS, NOTING SOVIET SUPERIORITY IN QUANTITIES OF PERSONNEL AND LONG-RANGE MISSILES. NEWS CALLED SCHLESINGER RIGHT IN SAYING REAL QUESTION IS WHAT POSTURE MUST WE MAINTAIN TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOMS.

6. WASHSTAR. NOON STAR HAS LOCAL AP ON RESUMPTION OF
MIRVING, AP INCLUDES IDEA THAT RESUMPTION INDICATED US AND
SOVIET NEGOTIATORS MAY HAVE CLEARED UP AMBIGUITIES AT THE
GENEVA TALKS AFTER THE MISSILE CONVERSION WAS SUSPENDED.
AP CONCLUDES: PRESUMABLY THE SUSPENSION WAS KEPT IN EFFECT
UNTIL THE ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED AND THE SITUATION EXPLAINED
TO THE RUSSIANS AT GENEVA. KISSINGER

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